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1977*

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1900

1902 07 26

An important property sale was conducted under instructions of executors of the late Messrs Edmond and Ebenezer Foster. Amongst the lots were dwelling-houses, offices and shops in Cambridge and farm houses and cottages. A tailor's shop in Green Street sold for £1,500, & a newly-built farmhouse at Gt Eversden sold to Mr J. Fossey for £550. Livery stables in Gwydir Street Cambridge were withdrawn at £325, as was a residence in Scroope Terrace at £300

1904 09 03

Green Street, Cambridge would hardly be suspected of any pretensions to the romantic. Its well-ordered lodging-houses, the policemen who parade it and the milkmen who visit it, all seem to bar the entrance to anything more fanciful. Yet it is home to a Russian Pole, Mr Ignatius Knaster who became a political offender by the publication of a political pamphlet dealing with the conditions in Poland and was given the alternative of incarceration or banishment.

1910

1911 05 26

An impudent robbery was committed at Robinson's Motor Cycle Garage in Green Street. The lock was forced and a couple of 1911 Triumph motor-cycles stolen together with two complete suits of the most expensive motor-cycle waterproof clothing, sparking plugs, repair outfits and goggles. The thieves were evidently possessed of a nice discrimination for they took only the best they could lay their hands on. The Triumphs are the thoroughbred of the motorcycle word and would sell at sight for a large sum anywhere. They could easily average 30mph so that the thieves would have had no difficulty in getting to London before the loss was discovered. 11 05 26h

1912 09 20

Hobson Street chapel was opened in 1849 by Wesleyans had previously met in a chapel in Fitzroy Street and a room in Green Street. It became a spiritual home for residents and undergraduates and was improved in 1891. But it has become inadequate. The Fitzroy Street chapel had become a jam warehouse but Hobson Street will be replaced by the new County Council offices. They will now meet in the Victoria Assembly Room until the new Wesley Chapel on Christ's Pieces is ready. 12 09 20c

1913 02 21

Women Suffrage Association Annual meeting, Green Street

1913 11 28

Frederick W. Metcalfe was head of the printing and publishing firm of Metcalfe & Son on the corner of Green Street which at one time produced most of the publications emanating from Cambridge. Soon after he joined the firm the Cambridge Express was started and he had charge of this popular newspaper until his father's death when it was purchased by the Conservative party. He ran a local troupe of Christy Minstrels including the finest voices amongst the senior members of college choirs. It had a very successful career for several seasons and visited all the principal towns in the area 13 11 28 p7 CIP

1914 05 01

Even the casual observer cannot fail to have noticed the remarkable increase in the number and variety of motor cycles and their greatly increased popularity not only among the young bloods of the Varsity but among staid and sober individuals of maturer ages and less agility. At Robinson's Motor Cycle Garage in Green Street one can have one's machine stored, cleaned and kept in tune and where, should occasion unfortunately arise, have it repaired by workmen who are not mere 'bodgers' but really skilled in this class of work 14 05 01c

1920

1922 02 08

Licences of Volunteer in Green Street, Old Nag's Head Hobson St, Brickmaker's Arms Newmarket Road, Cross Keys in Saxon St held over – probably redundant – 22 02 08

1928 01 23

It was with feelings of justifiable pride and deep gratitude that the Unitarians of Cambridge assembled in their new Memorial Church, Emmanuel Road for its dedicatory service. It stands as a perpetual memorial to the memory of Mr G.W. Brown. The church has been designed by Ronald P. Jones who was responsible for the Church Hall in 1922 and follows the normal "college chapel" design. Prof Burkitt referred to the difficulties the movement experienced in the '80s when services were held in the smoky atmosphere of a billiard room in Green Street.

1930

1936 11 20

Gustave David, known as 'David' to generations of undergraduates has died hours after returning by the midnight train having attended a London auction. He came to Cambridge forty years ago, opening his now-famous stall on Market Hill. Later he opened a shop in Green Street before moving to St Edward's Passage. He was the first man in Cambridge to sell rare and old books at low prices. So appreciative were Universitymen of his services that in 1925 a number of distinguished members entertained him to lunch at Trinity in recognition of the 'conspicuous services he has rendered the cause of humane letters'. 36 11 20 a & b

1938 03 04

The Health Foods and Herbal Store of Green Street has been established several years and specialises in non-fresh foods of many kinds; unrefined cereals, wholemeal flour, biscuits and cake; choice fruits,

nuts, honey & oils – in fact everything nearest to nature and consequently the cheapest for man, woman and child. Now they have bought a speedy little delivery van to distribute their goods to customers. Some of their products however travel by post almost to the ends of the earth 38 03 04e

1940

1946 02 01

Francis Gatward Metcalfe, head of printers and stationers, dies. Known as 'Metcalfe's' in 1730 and as Metcalfe and Palmer before then. Original premises in Green St. He joined 1884 – 46 02 01

1948 06 01

Today the one-way traffic system designed to relieve congestion in the centre of Cambridge came into operation. In Sidney Street and Bridge Street the traffic will flow in a northerly direction towards Magdalene Street from the town centre, while in St John's Street and Trinity Street it will flow in a southerly direction towards King's Parade. In Green Street traffic will flow in one direction from Gifford Place to Trinity Street - and the remainder of Green Street will be open for two-way traffic. This extension of "one-way" traffic will link up with the system now in operation at St Mary's street, Market Hill (north side) and Market Street

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings files from this date

1960

1962 04 27

In 1851 Mr Alfred Bodger, 'Hosier, Glover and Shirtmaker', founded his Gentlemen's Outfitting shop opposite Holy Trinity Church. As business grew he added a tailoring shop and in 1934 moved to the present site on the corner of Sidney Street and Green Street. In 1946 the ready-to-wear site was enlarged. More expansion followed in 1954 and now internal alterations are complete allowing a full range of goods to be shown. But friendly and personal attention is always available – Advert 62 04 27b

1963 08 29

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Green Street; "But in the mind's eye at least, the charm of Green Street, its institutions and personalities, will always remain" – 63 08 29

1967 02 15

Green street traffic shakes shop, Gray's shop front repaired after struck by vehicle – 67 02 15

1968 10 22

Eaden Lilley alterations, bedding department entered from Green Street – 68 10 22

1970

1973 12 10

A series of explosions rocked the centre of Cambridge over the weekend and so far the cause remains a mystery. Gas board officials say the bangs have nothing to do with natural gas leaks. The bangs were reported to police by householders in the Green Street – Sidney Street area. They brought people rushing from their houses, but they could find no cause for the explosions. While the people were outside more bangs occurred, apparently from underground

1977 12 16

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1978 02 04

He used to stand at the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street in Cambridge, touting his wares. Every few minutes he would break out into a chant which sounded something like “Toodle-oddle-aidie-ar”. One day I couldn’t stand it any longer – not knowing what it meant. So I went up and asked him. “Two o’clock late London”, he said, not so much as raising an eyebrow. “Paper, sir?” Every community, in every day and age, has its ‘characters’, even if there never seem to be quite as many about as there once were. Today busker Jerry Bol happily makes an exhibition of himself as a one-man band, while ‘Snowy’ Farr and his menagerie delight thousands of people with their weekly Saturday appearances.

1978 02 13

I went for a pub-crawl the other night – without moving from my ‘local’. Warmed by two or three pints of good beer I decided to call at The Criterion in Market Passage, which used to be a popular Saturday night pub, the Bun Shop just off Downing Street and the Volunteer in Green Street before tramping on to the Earl Grey in King Street and the Duke of Cambridge in Short Street. Every one of these pubs had its own special ‘character’. The journey took only a few minutes but the best part of 15 years – during which time all of them have closed.

1978 02 23

Shopping Guide decided to investigate the cost of a cup of tea in Cambridge snack bars. Best value for money was The Whim in Trinity Street where a pot of tea costs 15p and with a jug of hot water and plenty of milk you can get three cups for your money. Worst was the tea and coffee counter at the Arts Theatre Roof Garden where you pay 15p for one cup. Thornhills in Regent Street was the best for choice as you can have a cup (8p) or pot (18p) whilst at the Coffee Pot in Green Street you pay 20p for a pot that held four cups, if you had the thirst to match it. Joshua Taylor is the only department store which has a coffee or tea shop but has a lunch-time minimum charge.

1980

1982 07 20

Gallyons, a maker and seller of guns and a specialist in fishing tackle, is severing its links with Cambridge after nearly 200 years. They started in Green Street in 1784, moving to Bridge Street in 1865. They are the last firm in East Anglia to make guns and will now have just one shop in Norwich. 82 07 20

1982 07 28

More than 100 years of bookbinding comes to an end when the old established firm of John P. Gray closes down its Green Street premises. The firm was begun in 1847; it established a high reputation for the restoration and repair of ancient books and carried out special commissions for the leading private collectors. Planning permission has been obtained to turn the site into a restaurant and wine bar. 82 07 28a

1983 09 29

Gray’s the bookbinders of Green Street has been sold, the latest of a long line of small Cambridge specialist shops which are rapidly disappearing. Victims in recent years have included Bacon Brothers cigar merchants, S.P. Ora tobacconists, Gallyon the gun and fishing tackle dealers, F.O. Sennitt, fish, game and poultry merchants and Jack Carter, University robes. They are forced out by the three R’s – rent, rates and recession. As the family shops close with them goes part of Cambridge’s inheritance, atmosphere and charm. 83 09 29 p16

1985 05 30

Cambridge Capital, a new merchant banking venture has been launched in Green Street. It is another step in the growing complexity of Cambridge’s financial community. Merchant bankers Singer and Friedlander are already here and two more big-league accountants, Arthur Andersen and Robson Rhodes are getting established this summer. All this is in addition to the existing structure of bankers,

accountants and financial advisers and means Cambridge could be a professional and financial centre of really some significance 85 05 30

1985 10 02

Bodger's, one of Cambridge's oldest-established university menswear shops which has been on the corner of Green Street and Sidney Street since 1922, is up for sale as a going concern. It is a very prosperous business employing ten full-time staff but the most valuable part of the concern is the freehold of the shop. It includes sales areas on two floors, a cutting room and canteen together with an attached doctor's surgery with a separate entrance and is valued at £800,000. 85 10 02

1987 04 28

One of Britain's oldest booksellers, Deighton Bell in Trinity Street, which dates back to 1700 and specialises in antiquarian and rare volumes, has been sold to nearby Heffers. It takes them back to second-hand books, a department it gave up in 1974 because of lack of space. Then they had sold their stock to Deighton Bell and had maintained a good relationship ever since. The shop will remain on the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street and continue to be run by John Beech his staff 87 04 28

1988 06 09

Health Food Stores of Rose Crescent was ahead of its time when it started under the name of Sandwiches and Health Food in Green Street in 1931. The brainchild of an Australian, Clarence Dowell and his wife, who worked in the kitchen making sandwiches, it introduced many Cambridge people to the delights of nut rissoles and vegetarian food. Now it is to close and Peppercorns delicatessen will open in the premises 88 06 09c